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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Badval et al.

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Before the Examiner: Padgett, Marianne L.

Title: PREPARATION OF SUPERABSORBENT MATERIALS BY

PLASMA MODIFICATION

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 1, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 1, 2009, and extended by a three month extension to April 1, 2009 by the petition and fee filed herewith, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.